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In re the Application of: Akio YONEYAMA

Group Art Unit: 2613

Serial No.: 09/515,896

Examiner: Tung T. Vo

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For:

A VIDEO CODING APPARATUS ACCORDING TO A FEATURE OF

A VIDEO PICTURE

Attorney Docket No.: 000233 Customer Number:

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116 REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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December 9, 2004

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of August 9, 2004, and having a period for response initially set to expire on November 9, 2004. A Petition for one-month extension of time is filed herewith, thereby extending the period for response until December 9, 2004. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.